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 GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

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Method For Dissolution Of Nitrogen-Rich Inclusions In Titanium And Titanium Alloys

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Accompanying this transmittal letter is the above-identified International application including a completed Request form (PCT/RO/101). Please process the application according to the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

The following requests are made of the RO/US

1. PREPARATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS - Please prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the United States origin priority documents identified in Box VI of the Request form (37 CFR 1.451).

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3. DISCLOSURE INFORMATION - In order to assist in screening the accompanying International application for purposes of determining whether a license for foreign transmittal should and could be granted, the following information is supplied:

A. There is no prior filed application relating to this invention.

B. There is a prior application*, serial number 60/027,265 filed on 25 September 1996 which contains subject matter that is

1. substantially identical to that of the accompanying international application.

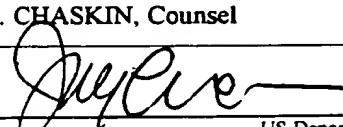
2. less than that of the accompanying International application. The additional subject matter of the International application appears on page(s) and line(s) _____

3. more than that of the accompanying International application.

C. Disclosure information cannot be covered by the language of Points 3A or 3B above due to the involvement of several prior applications or for other reasons. A separate sheet on which the disclosure information is explained is attached to this transmittal letter.

4. REQUEST FOR FOREIGN TRANSMITTAL LICENSE - According to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 184 and 37 CFR 5.11, a license to transmit the accompanying International application to foreign agencies or international authorities is hereby requested.

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International Application No.

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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

Method For Dissolution Of Nitrogen-Rich Inclusions In Titanium And Titanium Alloys

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The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:			
Country (in which, or for which, the application was filed)	Filing Date (day/month/year)	Application No.	Office of filing (only for regional or international application)
item (1) US	25 SEPTEMBER 1996 (25.09.96)	60/027,265	
item (2)			
item (3)			

Mark the following check-box if the certified copy of the earlier application is to be issued by the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is receiving Office (a fee may be required):

The receiving Office is hereby requested to transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s) (1)

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used): **ISA/EP**

Earlier search Fill in where a search (international-type or other) by the International Searching Authority has already been carried out or requested and the Authority is now requested to base the international search, to the extent possible, on the results of that earlier search. Identify such search or request either by reference to the relevant application (or the translation thereof) or by reference to the search request:

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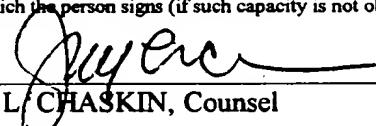
1. request : 7 sheets
2. description : 11 sheets
3. claims : 2 sheets
4. abstract : 1 sheets
5. drawings : 3 sheets
: 24 sheets

TOTAL

Figure No. 1 of the drawings (if any) should accompany the abstract when it is published.

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Annex to the Request

International Application No.

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CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE

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International search to be carried out by **ISA/(Eur. Pat. Off)**

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3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

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TOTAL

The designation fees are not paid at this time.

MODE OF PAYMENT

authorization to charge

deposit account (see below)

bank draft

coupons

cheque

cash

other (specify)

postal money order

revenue stamps

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION (this mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)

The RO/US

is hereby authorized to charge the total fees indicated above to my deposit account.

is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated
above to my deposit account.

is hereby authorized to charge the fee for preparation and transmittal of the priority document to
the International Bureau of WIPO to my deposit account.

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Deposit Account Number

Form PCT/RO/101 (Annex) (January 1996)

22 SEPTEMBER 1997

Date (day/month/year)

Signature **JAY L. CHASKIN, Counsel**

See Notes to the fee calculation sheet

CERTIFICATE

I, Arthur M. King, an Attesting Secretary of the General Electric Company, a Corporation of New York, United States of America, do hereby certify that Board of Directors' Resolution No. 10855 dated April 26, 1988, authorizes the General Counsel to delegate to others in the Company the authority to execute instruments on behalf of the Company in patent, trademark and copyright matters. I do hereby certify that such delegation has been made by Benjamin W. Heineman, Jr., Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, in a written instrument dated May 17, 1988. I do hereby certify that the attached document is a true and exact copy of said instrument.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Corporation this 14th day of December 1989.

Arthur M. King

Attesting Secretary

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by Paragraph (P) of the resolution relating to the Execution of Contracts and other Instruments adopted by the Board of Directors on April 26, 1988 (Minute #10895), I hereby delegate:

1. To the General Patent Counsel, the authority to execute on behalf of the Company licenses, contracts, assignments, releases, court pleadings and other instruments relating to inventions and technology and to patent, trademark and copyright matters.
2. To the Associate General Patent Counsel, the Company's Trademark Counsel, the Manager-Washington Patent Operation, and the incumbent of any position within the Company which includes the designation "Counsel" or "Patent Counsel" in its title, each severally, the authority to execute on behalf of the Company petitions, powers of attorney, authorizations, verifications, nominations of representatives, declarations, and other instruments relating to proceedings in the Patent, Trademark Registration or Copyright Offices servicing any country or region of the world, or to related appeal proceedings, or relating to maintenance and defense of the resulting industrial property rights, assignments of rights to apply for and acquire patents and trademark registrations, evidence of such assignments, requests for the registration of patents as available for licensing, reports of inventions and petitions for waiver of patent rights to any department or agency of the United States Government and assignments, licenses and other instruments confirmatory of Government rights in patents and inventions.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1988.

Benjamin W. Heineman, Jr.
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Senior Vice President -
General Counsel and Secretary

ATTEST:

Benjamin W. Heineman

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